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To

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Editor, The "Tai Nadu",
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Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite attention to the reports published in the "Tai Nadu" of 16th and 18th April 1938 purporting to be the proceedings of the Political Affairs Committee held on ~~that day~~ 16th April.

Both from the Government Order issued in this connection and the opening speech of the Chairman of the Committee, it was clear that the deliberations of the Committee were of a strictly confidential nature and that, for the reasons indicated by the Chairman in his speech which was published in your paper of ~~the same date~~ 16th April, it was not in the public interest that the proceedings of the Committee should be divulged. In publishing an unauthorised and inaccurate report of what is described as the Committee's Proceedings, you have not only misled the public but have also ~~placed~~ embarrassed ~~the position of the Government and~~ the Members of the Committee.

I am to request that you will be so good as to publish a note in tomorrow's issue of the "Tai Nadu" explaining that the reports published by you in the issues of 16th and 18th April were unauthorised and inaccurate. I am also to request that you will refrain from publishing any report of the Committee's proceedings in future ~~without a reference to the Secretary of the Committee~~

Yours sincerely,

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I am to request that you will be so good as to publish a note in to-morrow's issue of the "Tai Nadu" explaining that the reports published by you in the issues of 16th and 18th April were unauthorised and inaccurate. I am also to request that you will refrain from publishing any report of the Committee's proceedings in future.

Yours faithfully,

(Chief Secy.)

P.R.Ramaiya, Esqr., B.Sc.,
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The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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20 APR 1938
GOVT. OF MYSORE

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your communication of the 19th instant. As you desire, I have published a note in today's issue of my paper stating that the Government have asked us to publish that the reports of the alleged proceedings of the first meeting of the Political Affairs Committee published in the issues of the 16th and 18th of April are unauthorised and inaccurate.

In this connection I wish to bring to your kind consideration that the newspapers are free to speculate and guess regarding the proceedings of the secret committees. On several occasions we have to venture on such enterprises in doing our duty to the public.

In the note that I have published I have shown that it is the usual journalistic practice to publish reports about what are considered to be the secret proceedings by the authorities.

I request you to kindly consider my suggestion that a short summary of the proceedings be published by the Secretary of the Committee after the meeting is over. This will satisfy the public also.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. Ramaiya

Draft reply is submitted for approval
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To

P. R. Ramiah, Esqr., B.Sc.,
Editor, The "Tai Nadu", Bangalore.

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 20th April 1938 and to state that the Government do not consider that it is in the public interest that a summary of the proceedings of the Political Affairs Committee should be published by the Secretary of the Committee.

I am again to invite your attention to the fact that the deliberations of the Committee are of a strictly confidential nature and to warn you against the impropriety of publishing the Committee's proceedings on the basis of hearsay reports, "speculations" and "guesses".

I am to request that you will scrupulously refrain from publishing any report of the Committee's proceedings in future.

Yours sincerely,

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